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[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates have been nominated for election to the House Committee :—

Dr. Syed Tajuddin Sahib.

Sri B. Bhima Rao.

Sri L. Subbarama Reddi.

Sri C. Perumalswami Reddiyar.

Mrs. M. N. Clubwala.

Sri H. M. Jagannatham.

As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, six, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

" In addition to the above, under rule 143 of the Madras Council Rules the Hon. the President nominates the following two members to be Members of the said Committee :—

Sri T. Purushotham.

Sri S. K. Satagopa Mudaliar."

IV.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that Sri M. Narayana Menon is the only candidate duly nominated for a seat in the Advisory Committee of the South Indian Railway. I hereby declare him duly elected."

V.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION [a].

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member Mr. Narayanaswami Nayudu has given notice of an adjournment motion. I would like to know from him how this motion relates to a matter of urgent public importance."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Even before the hon. Member speaks I should like to say something on the matter. I should like to tell my hon. Friend that it is a very delicate matter and both the Government of India and the Government of Madras are well aware of what is happening on each side of the border. A discussion of a subject like this will only raise controversies which I would like to avoid. I may tell my hon. Friend opposite that the Government are watching the situation with the utmost care and are doing everything they possibly can to see that the peace of the land is preserved. Therefore I would request the hon. Member not to press this adjournment motion, because it will make things really difficult."

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[a] *The motion for an adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, to wit, the problem of refugees growing from day to day from Hyderabad into Bezwada, Gudiwada, Masulipatam and other areas.*

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The motion was not pressed.

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" We shall then pass on to the next item on the agenda and continue the discussion on the resolution of Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar."

VI.—RESOLUTION *RE* CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT INDIAN CONSTITUTION BILL BY THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE—*cont.*

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, I wish to raise a point of order on the resolution which stands in the name of Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar. It is beyond the power of this House to consider a resolution of this nature. I refer in particular to the second part of the resolution which says that necessary steps be taken to have the draft bill transmitted as soon as possible for the consideration of the provincial legislature. Sir, although when this resolution was introduced into the Council it was probably unobjectionable events have happened which have entirely changed the nature of the resolution. I refer to the ruling which was communicated to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by the Constituent Assembly that the draft Constitution Bill will not be transmitted as soon as possible or at any time for the consideration of the Assembly. We have now got to see whether this resolution is in order or not in view of the ruling which has been transmitted to the Hon. Speaker of the other House. Our Rule 115 says that any Member may move a resolution relating to a matter of general public interest within the cognizance of the Provincial Government. If the latter part of the resolution is one within the cognizance of the Provincial Government, then it will be in order. I submit that by virtue of the ruling I have referred to, it is no longer within the cognizance of the Provincial Government. It is well known that the Constituent Assembly has been declared to be an all-powerful and sovereign body. It is so because of the will of the people. That body has sent a ruling that the draft Constitution Bill will not be transmitted here for discussion . . ."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I am sorry to interrupt the hon. Member. I should like to elicit the point whether it is not a fact that the Secretary of the Constituent Assembly wrote to the Speaker giving him the information that according to the revised rules it was not proposed to send the draft bill for the consideration of the provincial legislatures. May I know whether there has been any ruling from anybody? Of course, even if there has been a ruling I should like to question it."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" The hon. Member is correct when he says that the communication has been received from the Secretary of the Constituent Assembly that it is not the intention to transmit the draft Constitution Bill to the Provincial Assemblies." (Interruption from hon. Members.)

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member does not yield."